

## RANDOM SHOTS

Judge Tash was sitting in the county court room when in strolled two men. Judge Tash smiled graciously and advanced to meet them. "What can I do for you?" he asked. "We want a marriage license," said one. "Both of you," asked the judge. "Certainly," replied one.

And then the judge saw that one was a member of the fair sex wearing these new-fangled knickerbockers.

In discussing the case afterward the judge remarked that it was the first marriage that he performed in which both of the principals wore pants.

They live in the sandhills.

And they asked that their names be kept out of the papers.

And the judge promised.

So we can't tell you their names.

Chiefly because we don't know.

From now on we refuse to be tempted into pessimism. Most people will tell you that the bread always falls buttered side down, but don't you believe it. The first breakdown on the new typesetting machine came on the one day when it didn't make much difference.

"I didn't know how to swim and the clerk didn't know anything about it," was the way the bather explained the fact that he was wearing a woman's suit.

A printer friend of ours once said that his greatest pleasure was to get some skeery female out where the water was three feet deep and teach her to float.

A dispatch to the dailies says that the Platte is low at Oshkosh. We didn't know it ever got very high there.

State news dispatches tell of two or three breach of promise cases. With the thermometer at 105 in the shade at Alliance, one would think it hard to get a jury to be liberal after listening to mushy testimony in scorching weather.

Somebody ought to tell Tom Lawrence that the cupid in the sanctum has again been emptied. He advised it some weeks ago.

## TODAY'S HOOCH STORY.

Men very much in their cups have been known to do strange things.

One young Omaha man, who it appears had imbibed a little too much "hooch," was inspired not only to tears but to loud soba, at a popular country club last week.

Staggering off the veranda he observed friends on the lawn and going close to one sweet young miss he put his head down on her shoulder and fairly wailed.

"What's the matter?" asked the young woman gently. "What are you crying about?"

Whereupon—  
"Oh! Ooh," sobbed the youth. "I'm a Do-Do bird and I can only fly backward."

Jim Miller has been packing a gun lately, which in these law abiding days is an unusual thing for a sheriff to do.

But Tuesday he took it off again.

Of course it's heavy and cumbersome, so why did he wear it for a few days? And why did he take it off Tuesday?

Bandit Fred Brown was captured early in the week.

Which may explain it all.

Dammit, the styles have changed. And they say the long skirts are coming into vogue.

Why not an S. P. L. S.?

The howling wind blows up the street in many an eye it gets. But how that wind brings into view them beautiful hosettes.

Punk poetry—but sincere sentiments.

## PICKING GOAT FEATHERS

(Crawford Courier)

In our hurried write-up last Friday morning just before going to press, of the reopening of the Farmers bank, a most provoking error occurred, which completely changed the meaning of the portion of the article. In speaking of the reopening of the bank we wrote on "a most" substantial basis, while the article was made to read by the proof reader, an "almost" substantial basis, the letter "l" instead of a space between "a" and "most" being able to change the entire meaning of the phraseology. Dammit!

That's just the way those things happen. A printer can understand and sympathize, but we'll gamble two bits that the banker still believes, down in his heart, that the editor was trying to hand him the raspberry.

Apparently, our Chadron poet friend Leo Lloyd, has reformed. It's been a month since he allowed the muse to get the better of him. We should earnestly advise Leo to conquer the craving while there is yet time.

You never know the diet until you've tried it. Fellows who write junk like the following are the kind of ginks who still have a sneaking suspicion that the earth is flat:

"If you're thin as a rail, or as fat as a whale, and you feel that your system is shirking; dietitians will sing, 'Sure, the diet's the thing. Just look at the wonders it's working!' If you're heavy they say: 'Eat a pea a day. Or perhaps you are as thin as a hound; and you want to get fat—lots of milk will do that. Every day you will put on a pound.' Some great man has said he would rather be fed with a large dose of strychnine or dope, than

to follow the rule to be fat as a mule, or the one as thin as a rope. Now, my shadow doesn't fall on the old garden wall unless I stand twice on the spot; but if I should try it, the so-called 'milk diet' would make me look worse, like as not. I'm sure off the milk. All my hopes it would balk. I'll eat when I please if I croak. Three squares every day is what I store away—excepting, of course, when I'm broke."

We have firmly made up our mind to try tennis once—for a set or a game or the course, or however it is they play it—but under the circumstances we believe it wise to wait until the small niece has completed her vacation. She has a way of getting what she wants, and she principally wants now to find someone to play tennis with her.

Memo: We shall urge her to work on the office woman hater.

When it simmers down, about all that we have against tennis is that the cub reporter is wild about it.

But that's enough.

Ain't it?

Besides, swimming is a better hot weather sport.

Fred Brown, the bandit, the chairman, The Bat and half a dozen other titles, has finally been captured. It's significant to notice that the minute he got out of the territory where Gus Hyers was directing the battle, he was surrounded in short order, and shot in the bargain.

Those Wyoming officers make their breakfast off of bad men.

If Gus Hyers ever feels like resigning, it might be well to look over Wyoming before hiring his successor.

It's significant to realize that it isn't necessary to get publicity or one's picture in the paper to be a good man-hunter.

But Gus won't get it.

## HEMINGFORD

Rev. A. J. May and George Jones motored to Alliance Monday.

Mrs. Ed Baldwin was an Alliance shopper Monday.

Bessie Baldwin is working at the Triumph ranch.

Mrs. Meade, who was operated on at the hospital in Alliance Tuesday for gallstones, is getting along nicely.

Elva Buncie is working at the King hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitel and daughter motored to Alliance Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Willy and daughter motored to Belmont Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Muirhead and daughter, Ruth, and Mrs. Yearcher motored to Alliance Friday.

Mrs. Frank Potmesil was an Alliance shopper Tuesday.

Mr. Tilford of Alliance is helping to build the new Yearcher home.

Rev. A. J. May drove over to Chadron Tuesday afternoon to attend a meeting for the following ten days.

Rev. Palmer will fill his vacancy Sunday.

Helen Hale assists at the George Wiltsey store on Saturdays.

Mr. Thurman has been transacting business in town this week.

Mrs. Clyde Graham and daughter, Vera, who have been spending the last few months at Long Beach, Cal., returned home Tuesday.

The M. E. aid society met at the George Walker home Wednesday afternoon. Sewing was done for Mrs. Rocky. Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Muirhead were hostesses.

Mrs. Shoemaker visited with friends and relatives at Chadron over the week-end.

Miss Ada Byrd of Alliance was an incoming passenger Wednesday afternoon to spend her vacation with home folks and friends.

Mr. Andrew motored to Alliance after a load of ice Thursday morning.

Word has been received here that Mrs. Fawcett Black has taken up a homestead in Wyoming.

"Do we eat too much salt?" asks Literary Digest. Probably we do. We have to take nearly everything with a pinch of it nowadays.—Washington Herald.

With the Old Guard's batting average of .000, it is terrible to contemplate the next encounter.—Milwaukee Journal.

## RAILROAD NOTES

Mrs. Richard V. Kennedy, whose husband is Burlington freight house foreman at Casper, stopped over for a few days' visit at the J. B. Kennedy home at Ellsworth Wednesday and Thursday, while en route from Omaha to her home at Casper. Jack, their eight-year-old son, accompanied Mrs. Kennedy.

Several brakemen, including Messrs. Nelson and Davidson were placed back upon the extra board last week. Additional business and temporary placing of trains 35 and 36 between Alliance and Edgemont has also called back to work several firemen as some of the older firemen were placed back to work as engineers. Several more turns in the freight pool have been set up also. Conductors Lander, Weidenhamer Lang, Townley, Ford and others are working as conductors. Ford has been making several trips in charge of the Alliance-Seneca local.

The working hours of Agent Fleming at Marsland were recently changed the office now being opened from 5:10 a. m. to 6:10 a. m., then opening again at 8:30 to 11:30 and again from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m. This change was made for blocks and other train movements which the slight increase in business has made necessary.

Effective last Monday the local east out of Alliance has been handling a refrigerator car to Broken Bow, then laying over in Broken Bow until the Monday local out of Broken Bow. This refrigerator, while not iced, carries better handling for egg shipments as a ventilated refrigerator is much better and cooler for egg shipments than the ordinary box car.

Conductor Bennett has accepted a run upon trains 35 and 36, Alliance to Edgemont, which now leaves one conductor's turn open on trains 41 and 42, which Mr. Bennett formerly held.

Several of the older brakemen having been set up as conductors in the freight pool who formerly held passenger brakemen's turns on 43 and 44 and 41 and 42, have left open several of these turns for bid. Also some of the flagman's runs will be bulletined.

Extra gang No. 1 under N. A. Drake which had been working out of Ellsworth the past two months has temporarily moved to Lakeside, having several weeks' surfacing work to do out of there.

Several brakemen from McKenzie's carpenter gang repaired the roof at the Ellsworth coal sheds the first of the week, coming down by gas car from Alliance and returning the same evening.

(Political Advertisement.)

Fred W. Johansen  
Accepts Filing  
for State Senator

Fred W. Johansen of Hay Springs, democratic candidate for the nomination for state senator, has issued the following statement:

In accepting the filing for State Senator, made for me on the democratic ticket by loyal friends, I wish to express my sincere thanks, and shall strive to do my best so as not to embarrass you by misplaced confidence is elected. The campaign too will mostly be in your hands for I am greatly opposed to Newberryism.

This will be a campaign of principles—progressives against reactionaries—regardless of mere party lines, consequently I am for needed reform—immediate and drastic cuts in public expenditures and taxes, including abolition of the dual system of the code and elective departments of state government; the cutting out of all waste and extravagance in public money, so that taxes will at once be reduced to the absolute necessities of a state government honestly and economically administered.

Prices for farm products must not be permitted to go below the cost of production, plus a reasonable profit. Wages must not be permitted to go below the cost of living at American standards with a margin for old age.

It is no more than right that those who saved the world for democracy should receive a bonus, that in the

main to be paid by the hundreds of millionaires created by profiteering during the war when our boys were risked their young lives for humanity's sake.

I shall help the people defeat the four obnoxious bills passed by the last reactionary legislature and referred to the people by referendum.

Very Sincerely Yours,  
FRED W. JOHANSEN.

## FOWLING

Mr. Coleman of Crawford motored to Bayard Sunday in the interest of the good roads from Crawford to Bayard. He returned the following day.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kilpatrick were in Alliance Saturday.

Mrs. Elsea and Mrs. Eaton and son left Tuesday night to attend the chautauqua at Gurley, Neb. Mrs. Elsea's son, Frank Price, is the president of the chautauqua and she had not seen him for eleven years.

Ed Wilkins and family motored to Alliance Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brecker and son of Bridgeport passed through Sunday en route to Crawford. They were traveling for Mrs. Brecker's health.

Harve Sedore is helping out up alfalfa on the Cook place.

Joe Kennedy was a caller at the Elys home Monday, looking for a stray steer.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Roebuck and baby were in Alliance Saturday.

Ernest Wilkins is helping Harry Wampler cut potatoes.

Joe Caha and family were fishing Sunday.

Mrs. Jake Elsea visited at her mother's one day the first of the week.

Mr. Pasche has a fine bunch of steers that he is feeding ensilage. He is planning on shipping them in a week or so.

Joe Kennedy and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Kennedy's folks.

Wanek's.

Mrs. A. H. Hall looked after things for Mrs. Elsea while she was gone.

Fred Crawford and family and mother.

Mrs. Lena Crawford attended Sunday school in Alliance Sunday. They have been going regular since spring.

Mr. Hoff was in Alliance the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Abram were in Alliance Saturday.

The Wilkins family attended the ball game Sunday afternoon.

## INOFFORTUNE

John Doe: "Some of the gang's gonna try breakin' out of jail tonight. Wanta join us?"

Richard Roe: "Not on your life. I'm outa work and the housin' situation is reported to be somethin' terrible."

According to the latest war-graft rumors, the ex-soldiers can't have a bonus because the ex-slackers already have it.—Newspaper Enterprise Association.

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the East

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